

23 The Atikokan Progress at 109 Main Street

The Atikokan Progress has been a weekly newspaper since 1950. It is the source of local news, sports, business and community events. **How to get there:** continue on Main Street to 109 Main Street East

24 The Atikokan Library behind the Atikokan Museum

The Atikokan Public Library was built in 1967, but a library has been in existence since the earliest days when one borrowed a book from a rented corner in a local store. Effie Munn became the first full-time librarian and served from 1959 to 1971. Doris Brown served as librarian 1981 to 2005. In 1997 the Ontario Library Board Association awarded her the W. J. Robertson Medallion for outstanding leadership in the advancement of public library service in Ontario.

Library hours are: Tuesday to Thursday 12 pm to 8:30 pm, Friday and Saturday 12 pm to 5 pm.

The archaeological marker for Steep Rock Iron Mines and the town twinning marker on the iron ore boulder are at the Library entrance.

How to get there: continue on Main Street to Burns Street, turn left and then right as you pass the Post Office. The Library shares the back parking lot with the Museum and the entrance faces Main Street.

25 The Cutting Edge Mural at the Atikokan Museum

The Cutting Edge is an illustration of the huge cutter on the dredges used by Construction Aggregates Corporation at both mines.

How to get there: Head back to the Atikokan Museum entrance to see the final mural, *The Cutting Edge* and the "Little Giant."

Atikokan Centennial Museum

Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday 10 am. - 4 pm., evenings / weekends by appointment.

Phone: 807-597-6585

Beyond the Walking Tour

A Jack leg & Stoper Drills Mackenzie Ave & Sykes Street

Jack Leg and Stoper Drills are arranged to illustrate their use, both were donated by McIsaac Mines of Ontario.

B History of Health-care Mural at the Atikokan General Hospital

A wall-sized mural on the history of healthcare, acknowledging the efforts to bring healthcare to Atikokan, from the earliest days when the Women's Institute raised money to help needy families to the modern facility serving the community today.

C Underground Rail Buckets used in the Sapawe Gold Mine Outside Zuke Road Family Health Team

A small high-grade ore was indicated in the 1959 survey by Lindsay Explorations. Acquired by Sapawe Gold Mines Limited, 2,960 ounces of gold and 752 ounces of silver were recovered from the site by 1964. The total value was \$112,786 from 18,413 tons of ore milled.

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Downtown Atikokan

Self-Guided Walking Tour



This walking tour will take you past outdoor exhibits and murals that depict the rich history of Atikokan. There are six murals located throughout the town. They illustrate the history of two mines, the Steep Rock Iron Mine and Caland Ore Company, which are central to the history of Atikokan. There are many facets to this community, the walking tour will help visitors discover Atikokan. You truly don't know Atikokan until you know its history!

First developed as a Divisional Point on the Canadian Northern Railway, Atikokan grew at a rapid pace with the beginning of iron ore mining. Logging and fur trading were the first industries of this wilderness community. Isolation determined the character of the community which attracted adventurous and determined people who fostered all season sports: hockey, curling, cross-country skiing down-hill skiing, snow machine trails, scenic trails for hikers, bikers and equestrians. Painters of Atikokan express their view of the natural world, writers, poets, choral groups, and musicians enrich the fellowship for which this town is fondly remembered.



1 Atikokan Historical Park at Legion Point.

Text panels with photographs accompany the large artifacts exhibited in the Historical Park. The Lima Shay Locomotive #2712, the Canadian Nation Caboose #79882, the ore-crushing stamp mill from The Golden Winner Mine, road-icing water wagon used in lumber camps, the Barienger Brake also from lumber camps, an underground iron ore car, an anchor used by one of the dredges, a blasting shelter, a mucking machine, a Monitor Hose, the Bucyrus Erie Churn Drill and the Euclid dump truck.

How to get there: turn left after leaving the museum, cross over the footbridge to enter the park at Legion Point

2 Memorial to Injured Workers Between Post Office and Pioneer Centre

The Atikokan Injured Workers support group placed a memorial and a plaque in memory of those who lost their lives accidentally at work. Mining, logging, construction and the CN Railway are represented.

The memorial cross is for those workers who died or were injured at work. Group founder, Remi Labonte, received the third Spinal Neurological Stimulation Implant in Canada, which had only been available for six months. The implant allowed him to sit, walk and exercise free of all drug dependence.

How to get there: Walk back to the footbridge and past the Museum. Turn right at the corner of the Post office and continue halfway down the block to the memorials.

3 Path of the Paddle Portage along Main Street.

Main Street Atikokan is the only urban section of the Path of the Paddle, which is part of the Great Trail, the longest recreational trail in the world!

The signs along Main Street begin at the Post Office, guiding the portager to the intersection of Mark and Main Street, turning left onto Mark Street and right onto Mackenzie Avenue East, then right onto Front Street. This short portage route enables paddlers to bypass a meandering section of the Atikokan River and reach the Mackinaw Trail Head also known as Pinkerton's Landing. It is a short paddle downstream to Steep Rock Lake.

How to get there: Retrace your steps to the corner of Burns and Main Streets. Walk past the Post Office, turn right turn onto Main Street. The distinctive logo of paddlers in a canoe is attached to signs and lampposts on Main Street.



4 Diamond Drill Exhibit on Main Street

The only way to prove the existence of the ore body was to drill into the lake bed with a diamond drill. In the winter of 1938, when Steep Rock Lake was frozen, Julian Cross attempted to find iron ore. With the backing of Joseph Errington, Julian Cross proved his theory that the iron ore was under Steep Rock Lake. On the sixth hole, high-grade was encountered.

How to get there: continue walking on Main Street, cross over O'Brien Street. The Diamond Drill is situated on the edge of the green space on Main Street.



17 Gardner-Denver Drill & Mural located at the Atikokan Home Hardware

Gardner-Denver Drill is to the right of the entrance to the Home Hardware Store.

The *Atikokan High School* mural is located on the side of the building, facing Gorrie Street. Pictured in the lower right corner are the students who painted the mural and their teacher, Heather Schmutzer. The mural was restored in 2014.

Hours: Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 5:30 pm, Saturday 9:00 am to 5:30 pm and Sunday 12:00 to 4 pm.

How to get there: continue on 201 Main Street West at the intersection of Main and Gorrie Street

18 The Enchanted Florist on Main Street in Voyageur Mall

The Enchanted Florist offers visitors a wide variety of gifts, clothing and flowers with a uniquely northern flair. Hours: Tuesday to Friday, 10 am to 5:30 pm and 11am to 4pm on Saturday

How to get there: cross Gorrie Street

19 The Pictograph Gallery on Main Street in Voyageur Mall

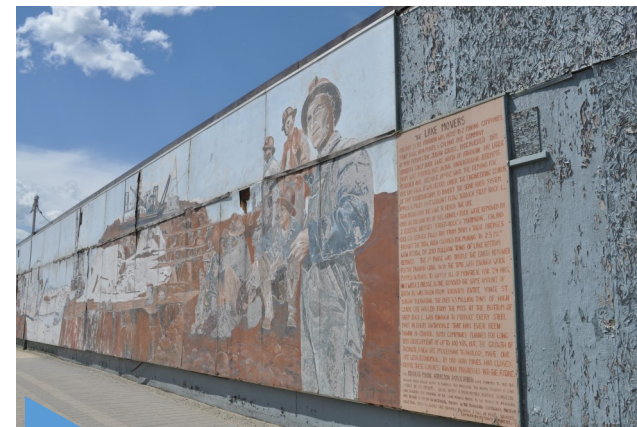
The Pictograph Gallery is artist-run, and operated by volunteers. Shows of local and regional artists are presented six times a year. There is an annual Silent Auction and Flea Market fundraiser and a Christmas Market.

How to get there: The gallery is located in the lower level of the Voyageur Mall, Main Street. Enter the Mall beside the Enchanted Florist.

20 Spirit of the Miners & The Earthmovers Murals are located on Main Street

The Spirit of the Miners illustrates the mining pits filling up with water and nature reclaiming the lake. *The Earthmovers* depicts the loading of a Lectra Haul truck with a P&H Shovel. Both murals were painted by Heather Schmutzer.

How to get there: continue on Main Street, just at the end of the Atikokan Mall there is a space between the buildings



21 The Lakemovers Mural at the corner of Main and O'Brien

The Lakemovers was composed in 1992 from photographs selected from the collection in the Atikokan Museum. The dredging operations of both Steep Rock Iron Mine and Caland Ore Company are featured with each end anchored by miners to emphasize the role they played in the diversion and lake removal projects.

How to get there: continue walking east until you reach the corner of Main and O'Brien Street. Best viewed from opposite side of the street.

22 Revive Resale Store at the corner of Main and O'Brien

The merchandise in Revive is artfully arranged, always changing and very reasonably priced. Opened in 2014 and operated by Jana Anderson.

Local authors sell their books in Revive. A complete list of Atikokan authors is available in the Museum.

Little Bits Gallery is operated by Barb Thurier and offers jewellery, yarn and hand knit items.

Hours: Monday to Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm.

How to get there: On the corner of Main and O'Brien Street

10 The Economic Hub of Old Atikokan can be views from the corner Mackenzie and Clark

Originally a Divisional Point on the Canadian National Railway, the Atikokan Hotel and the railway station were central to the community.

Visible to the left of this intersection is the Atikokan Hotel and the area that was the Atikokan Railway Station and two of the oldest homes in Atikokan.

The Canadian Northern Railway was completed in 1900 connecting Winnipeg with Port Arthur.

How to get there: continue along Mackenzie Avenue to the intersection of Clark Street

11 Atikokan School Section No. 1 on Clark Street

Atikokan School Section No. 1 was established in 1902. The first school teacher was Miss. Brown and her salary was \$35.00 per month. By 1921 a new school was needed. The present building was constructed by the John East Company of Fort Frances for \$17,430.00.

How to get there: walk north on Clark Street toward Main Street. The school is located on Clark Street midway between Mackenzie Avenue and Main Street.

12 M&C Motors on the corner of Clark and Main Street.

M & C Motors established in 1954 by Frank Covello and Joe Maronese. Well known in the community and beyond for their service and dependability, M & C Motors proudly display's the sentiment of their customers "Where Customers Send Their Friends."

How to get there: continue on Clark Street to the corner of Main Street

13 Recreation Wellness Centre across from M&C Motors

The Atikokan centre was recently renovated to combine the arena and pool facilities. The renewed ice arena is graced with the cartoon panels created by Bob Stark. The exhibits in the main lobby feature the Nakokita Swim Club and Atikokan's swimming athletes

How to get there: Consult the Wellness Centre hours for access to the building.

14 Atikokan Native Friendship Centre at 307 Main Street

The aims and objectives of the Atikokan Native Friendship Centre are to carry out programs consistent with those of a non-profit organization for the social, cultural, educational, and economic advancement of the Native People

How to get there: continue walking west on Main Street.



15 Atikokan Youth Initiatives on Main Street

Atikokan Youth Initiative is a Youth Drop In Centre which offers a place for Atikokan youth to gather and play board games, musical instruments, pool or air hockey, and socialize.

How to get there: continue walking to the corner of Main and Marks Street



16 Walt's Dry Goods at 207 Main Street.

Walt's Dry Goods established in 1950 by Walt and Millie Beyak, and is now owned and operated by their son Randy Beyak. It is the longest continually operated shop in Atikokan.

Hours are: Monday to Friday, 9 am to 5:30 pm and 9 to 5 on Saturday.

How to get there: located at 207 Main Street West, halfway to the intersection of Gorrie Street.



5 The Iron Ore Car & Mural on Main Street

The iron ore car was used in underground mining. Underground mining was designed to mine the ore alternative after the open pit method.

The Atikokan Story depicted in the mural was painted by Atikokan high school students. Featured on the mural are fur trade routes, the first European settlers, the Castle at White Otter Lake, logging and mining.

How to get there: only a few steps forward, you will come to the iron ore car and the mural *The Atikokan Story* on the side of the Royal Canadian Bank building

6 Chips R Us on Main Street.

Chips R Us is a fast food outlet that is operated by Community Living Atikokan from May to September. Hours: Monday to Friday, 11:30 am to 5:30 pm. Closed on Statutory Holidays.

The outdoor seating with cheerful summer umbrellas is favourite gathering spot on Main Street. Just a few doors west is Tea Spa Wellness.

How to get there: continue on Main Street, crossing Gorrie Street. Tea Spa Wellness is a welcome retreat any time of the year and offers ice cold drinks, hot organic teas and snacks. Tea Spa Wellness hours: Tuesday to Friday, 10:30 am to 5:30 pm and 11:00 am to 4 pm on Saturdays.



7 The P&H Shovel Bucket on the corner Main and Mark

The P&H Electric Mining Shovel is a great site for a photo. Many were taken with miners standing inside the bucket. These giant shovels were used to load haul trucks and in-pit crusher-conveyor systems in surface mine operations.

How to get there: continue on Main Street. Walk past the Atikokan Economic Development Corporation to the corner of Marks and Main Street to the P&H Shovel bucket.

8 Atikokan's Municipal Office at 120 Marks Street

Stop in the lobby of the Atikokan Municipal Office to see a large painting by Elsa Kosola, a well known local artist. The Atikokan Tartan is displayed inside the front door. The tartan was created by two talented spinners, Irma Hicks and Jack Fraser for Atikokan's 100th Anniversary.

How to get there: head south on Marks Street past the Town Hall toward Mackenzie Avenue

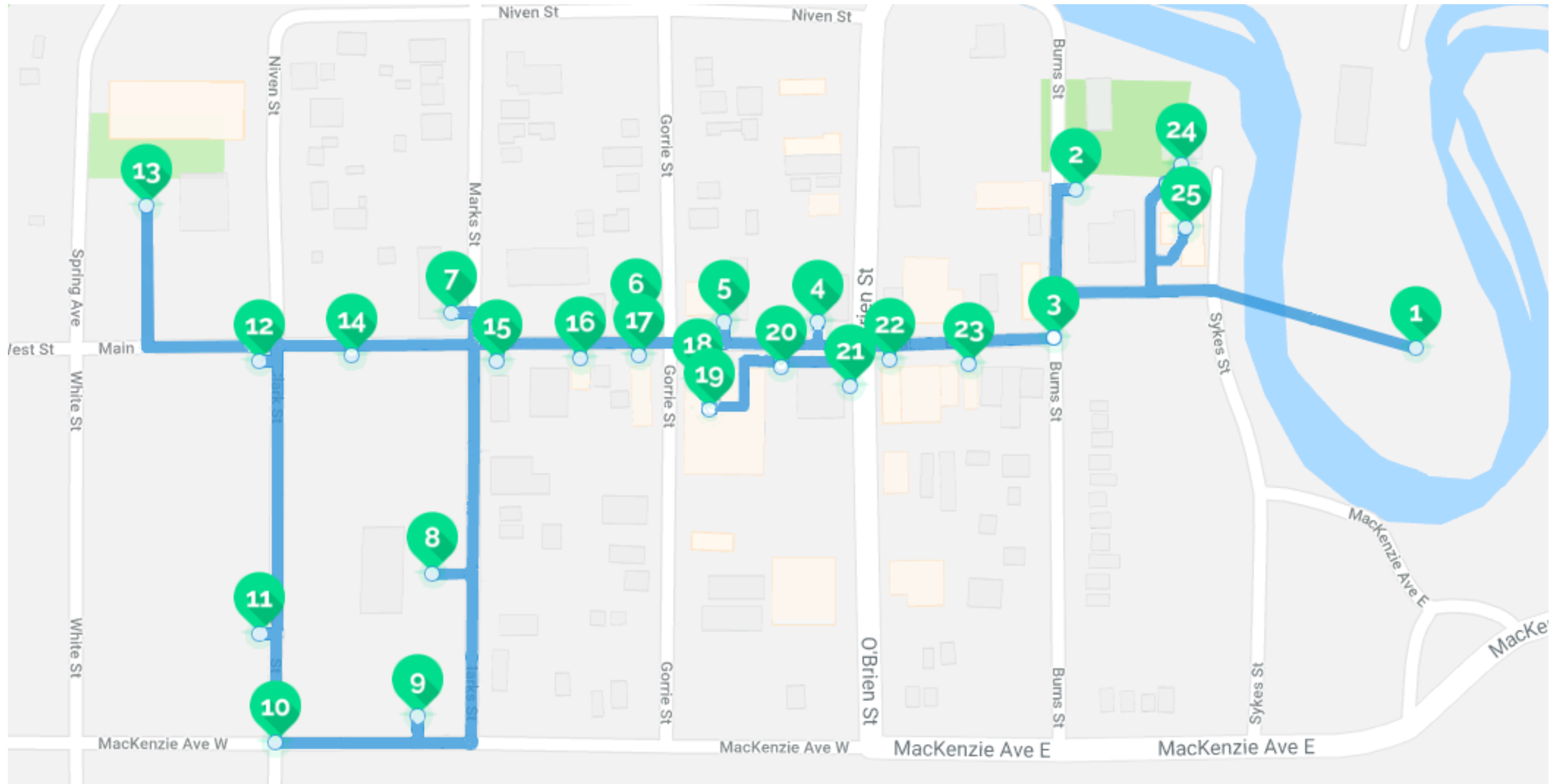
9 The Chapel of the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the corner of Marks and Mackenzie

The Chapel of the Immaculate Heart of Mary was built in 1931. Initially, this church served both the Ukrainian and Roman Catholic parishes. In 1970 the Catholic Church sold the chapel to the St. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic congregation.

The best view the Chapel is from Mackenzie Avenue. The original style of the chapel with the cupola and cross are seen adorning the roof line.

How to get there: Turn right at the corner of Marks Street and Mackenzie Avenue.

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